

GCSE - PRESS RELEASE (Ian Clayton)

GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education and is the standard qualification taken by all UK students and many worldwide, a total of around 600,000 annually, usually at age 16. It is a two year course in which the students study normally around 9 subjects, but here we have students succeeding in as many as 13. In fact here at BSM the students took an average of 10.5 GCSEs compared to an Independent school average of 9.6. At the end of the two year course in June of year 11 the students take a series of externally set exams which are returned to the UK for grading. The grades are given on a scale of A*-G, with grades A*-C being recognized as a pass. Nationally around 20 % of the grades given are A/A* BSM scored 34%. The normal measure used by the UK government of success is the % of candidates that scored 5 grade A*-C, the national average in the UK was 62% for us it was 95%, in fact 100% of all those students currently with us and doing IB. It is an exacting course and one that requires dedication and diligence.

Year 10 took their GCSE RE exam a year early and 100% of them passed with a score of C or better. Also a group in year 10 took their mathematics International GCSE a year early all of them passed with a 100% pass rate and 63% of them claiming an A/A* compared to 15% in the UK and all a year ahead of time!

Year 9 also performed brilliantly with 82% of them gaining their ICT exam this time 2 years ahead of time. In fact we had one student in the top 10 worldwide. All these results represent a fantastic achievement by the students and staff of the British School Manila.



The British School Manila is an international school in the Philippines providing excellent standards of British education in academic, sporting and social education. The school prides itself on excellent result – (in National Curriculum tests and GCSE results, the school far exceeds UK averages)

At present 700+ students are on roll and 45 nationalities are represented. British children make up 24%, Filipino 20%. Americans 10% and Australians 8% of the total students.